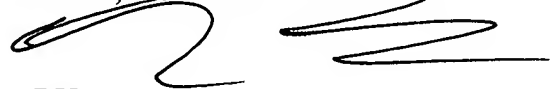


REMARKS

This response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 2003. The Office Action is a restriction requirement requiring restriction between two alleged groups of invention: Group I (Claims 1, 3-15, and 23-25), and Group II (Claims 2, 16-22, and 35-40). Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I (Claims 1, 3-15, and 23-25). Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected claims.

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